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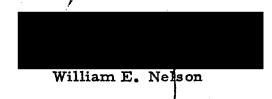
William E. Nelson

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

The Counterintelligence Problem

Pursuant to our discussions on Angleton's charges regarding the current leadership of the counterintelligence effort in the Agency, I thought you would be interested in the attached letter from William Branigan, a senior FBI official in their Intelligence Division who has just retired. The letter is addressed to Chief of the Counterintelligence 25X1A Staff.



25X1A

Attachment
As Stated Above

cc: DDCI

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Feb. 9, 1976

Dear

I do want to thank you for making the occasion of my retirement so memorable for me. I am especially grateful for the cocktail and dinner party. This was a special surprise; and it was so nice to spend an evening with my closest associates.

There were no speeches and there will be none now. But I must say one word about the last plus year. You were great for the Agency and great for a whole new cooperation with the F. B. I. It was indeed a breath of spring -- a new awakening! I was particularly impressed with the efficiency that you brought to counterintelligence. In other times we talked and waited. I am personally gratified that you eliminated the wait. And because of it I know your accomplishments have been and will continue to be great.

While I will enjoy retirement, if I can be of help, just call.

Cordially,

Bill Branigan

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